

**New Jersey State Board of Education
Minutes of the Meeting of the New Jersey State Board of Education
In the Conference Room on the First Floor
100 River View Executive Plaza
Trenton, NJ**

October 3, 2018

Presiding: Arcelio Aponte, President

Secretary: Lamont O. Repollet, Ed. D., Commissioner

PRESENT CONSTITUTING A QUORUM

ABSENT

Mrs. Elaine Bobrove
Mrs. Mary Beth Berry
Dr. Ronald Butcher
Mrs. Fatimah Burnam-Watkins
Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Gazi
Mrs. Kathy Goldenberg
Dr. Nedd J. Johnson
Mr. Andrew Mulvihill
Dr. Joseph L. Ricca (via teleconference)
Mrs. Sylvia Sylvia
Mr. Jack Fornaro
Dr. Ernest Lepore

CONVENING

State Board of Education President Arcelio Aponte convened the public meeting at 9:10 a.m. with the reading of the statement pertaining to the public session of the State Board meeting as it complies with the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act.

The Open Public Meetings Act was enacted to insure the right of the public to have advance notice of and to attend the meeting of public bodies at which any business affecting their interest is discussed or acted upon.

In accordance with the provisions of this Act, the State Board of Education has caused notice of this meeting to be published by having the date, time and place thereof posted in the Department of Education, Secretary of State's Office and notice also having been given to the State House Press Corps, the Governor's Office and the State Board agenda subscribers.

And seeing there was a quorum, the meeting of October 3, 2018 was called to order.

ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

President Aponte then read the resolution pertaining to the executive session of the State Board meeting as it complies with the Open Public Meetings Act.

WHEREAS, in order to protect the personal privacy and to avoid situations wherein the public interest might be disserved, the Open Public Meetings Act permits public bodies to exclude the public from that portion of a meeting at which certain matters are discussed, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that consistent with the provision of N.J.S.A. 10:4-12.b, the State Board Education will now adjourn to executive session to discuss personnel and legal issues. The State Board immediately adjourned to executive session on September 12, 2018.

RECONVENING

State Board President Arcelio Aponte reconvened the open meeting at 10:15 a.m. with the reading of the resolution pertaining to the resumption of the public session of the State Board meeting as it complies with the Open Public Meetings Act.

WHEREAS, consistent with the provision of N.J.S.A. 10:4-12.b, the State Board will now adjourn from executive session to resume the open session of this meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS

On a motions duly seconded and carried, the State Board members approved the minutes of the public meeting conducted on September 12, 2018. State Board members Ernest Lepore and Jack Fornaro abstained from voting on the minutes of the meeting on September 12, 2018.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Announcements

Public Testimony

President Aponte announced that the public testimony announcement for the November 7, 2018 State Board meeting is forthcoming.

Permanent Student Representative

President Aponte welcomed Nora Faverzani the 2018-2019 permanent student representative to the State Board of Education. Nora Faverzani is a junior from Ocean City High School in Cape May County. Nora talked to the State Board members present about standardized testing for high school juniors and seniors. She brought awareness to the importance of taking the PSAT and how many underprivileged students do not have the opportunity to do so.

National Association of State Boards of Education Delegate

President Aponte stated that the National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE) is hosting its Annual Conference in Denver, Colorado in October. He also stated that Vice President Goldenberg would attend the conference as New Jersey's delegate this year.

National Parent Teacher Association (PTA) Membership Month

On behalf of the State Board and the Department of Education, President Aponte and Commissioner Repollet presented Rose Acerra, President, N.J. PTA with a resolution recognizing October as National PTA Membership Month in New Jersey. PTA President, Rose Acerra stated a message of thanks to the New Jersey State Board for the award and for their support.

On a motion duly seconded and carried, the State Board approved the following resolution read by State Board Vice President Kathy Goldenberg:

RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF OCTOBER 2018 AS PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION (PTA) MEMBERSHIP MONTH

WHEREAS, New Jersey Parent Teacher Association (PTA) is an association acting for the benefit of children’s education and well-being by focusing attention on issues affecting youth and public education; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey PTA also promotes family engagement in schools and communities, and advocates for public education; and

WHEREAS, for more than 117 years, New Jersey PTA has served the needs of children, teachers, parents, and schools through active volunteerism; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey PTA provides a network of local, state and national voices speaking together on behalf of all children; and

WHEREAS, among the millions of members of National PTA, the New Jersey PTA ranks with more than 105,000 members in 600 Local PTAs; and

WHEREAS, the strength of the PTA lies in its Membership—the volunteers who tirelessly devote themselves to making this a better world for children and youth; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the New Jersey State Board of Education and the Commissioner of Education recognize October 2018 as PTA Membership Month in New Jersey, and encourages everyone to join the PTA and become an advocate for children.

COMMISSIONER’S REPORTS

Presentation of the 2018-2019 New Jersey State Teacher of the Year

Linda Eno, Assistant Commissioner, introduced Mrs. Jennifer Skomial, a career and technical education teacher from Morris County, as the 2018-2019 New Jersey State Teacher of the Year. She stated that Mrs. Skomial teaches high school students how to become teachers by participating in a daily preschool program at the school.

Representatives from the following organizations and companies presented Mrs. Skomial with these items: New Jersey Education Association - a one-year lease on a new car and a \$500 clothing allowance; and Educational Testing Service - a half-year sabbatical and a laptop.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:

**Items scheduled for a vote are marked with an asterisk.*

***A. Appointment(s)**

- There were no appointments.

***B. Certification of School Districts**

- There were no districts for certification.

***C. State Special Education Advisory Council**

- Approved seven appointments to the State Special Education Advisory Council for a period of two years, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:7A-14.a and b.

***D. Standards and Assessment**

- Approved for publication in the New Jersey Register the proposal as amended pertaining to assessment and graduation requirements at N.J.A.C. 6A:8, Standards and Assessment, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:4-15 and N.J.S.A. 18A:7A-10 through 14, 18A:7C-1 et seq., 18A:7E-2 through 5, 18A:35-4.2 and 4.7, and 18A:59-5. State Board members Andrew Mulvihill and Jack Fornaro opposed.
- State Board members Andrew Mulvihill and Jack Fornaro opposed all of the amendments to section N.J.A.C. 6A:8-4.1(c)3. State Board member Elaine Bobrove abstained from voting on all of the amendments to section N.J.A.C. 6A:8-4.1(c)3.
- State Board members Andrew Mulvihill and Jack Fornaro opposed all of the amendments to section N.J.A.C. 6A:5.1(f).

E. New Jersey Educator Preparation Programs, and State Board of Examiners and Certification

- Discussed the new rules at N.J.A.C. 6A:9A, and N.J.A.C. 6A:9B, pertaining to a teacher leader endorsement pursuant to P.L.2015, c. 111 (N.J.S.A. 18A:26-2.18 through 2.22).

F. Fiscal Accountability, Efficiency, and Budgeting Procedures

- Discussed the amendments at N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-18.6(a)66 pertaining to private employers providing sick time to certain employees pursuant to P.L. 2018, c. 10 (N.J.S.A. 34:11D-1 et seq.). President Aponte stated that at decision would be made before the next meeting about moving this item directly to proposal level.

G. Evaluation of the Performance of School Districts

- Discussed the amendments pertaining to the Quality Single Accountability Continuum regulations at N.J.A.C. 6A:30 pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:7A-10 et seq. and N.J.S.A. 18A:4-15. President Aponte stated that at decision would be made before the next meeting about moving this item directly to proposal level.

WORK SESSION

There was no work session.

NEW BUSINESS

President Aponte stated the unfortunate passing of former State Board Member Dr. Thelma Napoleon-Smith. He further stated that the State Board will posthumously honor Dr. Napoleon-Smith at the November 7, 2018 State Board Meeting.

State Board Member Andrew Mulvihill stated that the Charter Schools Committee met and learned about the Charter Schools Review that would be forthcoming. He asked the Commissioner to provide an update. Chris Huber, Special Assistant to the Commissioner, provided an update that would include multiple levels including school tours, listening tours and collaboratives.

State Board member Mulvihill stated that the review should include a thorough and careful analysis of all data available to get a comprehensive look at how charters are performing when compared to their peers including data on attendance rates, graduation rates, PARCC test performance results, comparison of our charter schools to charter schools in other states, etc. He said the Department should make decisions on charters that are data driven.

State Board member Nedd Johnson asked where the Department is in the current approval cycle with respect to Charter Schools.

State Board member Mary Beth Berry stated that State Board member Kathy Goldenberg attended the Special Education Advisory Council meeting on September 20, 2018 along. She stated that during this meeting the Council reviewed its mission and State code and established its calendar of topics for its monthly meetings for the year.

State Board member Kathy Goldenberg stated that she and State Board member Sylvia Sylvia visited Red Bank Regional High School along with Linda Eno, Assistant Commissioner, Division of Academics and Performance. She also stated that she and State Board member Mary Beth Berry attended a full-day workshop on September 27, 2018 called Developing and Implementing a Career Pathway Program at the Robert Wood Johnson Conference Center, 3100 Quakerbridge Road, Hamilton, New Jersey.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion duly seconded and carried, the State Board of Education adjourned its October 3, 2018, public meeting at 12:50 p.m.

Dr. Lamont O. Repollet, Commissioner
Secretary, N.J. State Board of Education